

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
BEAUFORT DIVISION

Brigette Pauline Mattox,

Plaintiff,

v.

Andrew M. Saul, Commissioner
of Social Security,

Defendant.

C/A No. 9:18-cv-2492-TMC

ORDER

Plaintiff, Brigette Pauline Mattox, brought this action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) seeking judicial review of a final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security (“Commissioner”) denying her claim for Disability Insurance Benefits (“DIB”) pursuant to the Social Security Act. (ECF No. 1).¹ This matter is before the court for review of the Report and Recommendation (“Report”) of the United States Magistrate Judge, made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2)(a) (D.S.C.). (ECF No. 20). In his Report, the magistrate judge recommends the Commissioner’s final decision be reversed and this case be remanded pursuant to sentence four of § 405(g) for further administrative action. *Id.* at 10. The Commissioner has filed a response to the Report in which he states that he does not intend to file any objections to the Report. (ECF No. 23 at 1).

The Report has no presumptive weight and the responsibility to make a final determination in this matter remains with this court. *See Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270-71 (1976). In the absence of objections, this court is not required to provide an explanation for

¹On June 17, 2019, Andrew M. Saul became the Commissioner of Social Security. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d), he is automatically substituted for Defendant Nancy A. Berryhill who was the Acting Commissioner of Social Security when this action was filed.

adopting the Report. *See Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 199 (4th Cir. 1983). Rather, “in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.” *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005).

After a thorough and careful review of the record, the court adopts the Report of the Magistrate Judge (ECF No. 20), which is incorporated herein by reference. Accordingly, the Commissioner’s final decision denying benefits is **REVERSED and this case is REMANDED** pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further administrative action consistent with the Report.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Timothy M. Cain
United States District Judge

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Anderson, South Carolina
September 10, 2019